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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment to U.S. Serial No. 10/071,768, filed February 7, 2002. Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 9 and 10 as follows. Please add the following new claims 16-37.

- 1 1. A method of cost-sharing of a client's subscription to usage of a hosted
- 2 enterprise solution, the method comprising:
- 3 creating a list of partners of a client to define a client's unique collaboration
- 4 communities;
- 5 creating an invitee list that lists which partners should be invited to become
- 6 subscribers to the hosted enterprise solution; and

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